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47 MORE SKULLS FOUND IN MEXICO MASS GRAVES

1 Investigators unearthed the skulls of 47 more suspected victims of Mexico's drug war in Veracruz state, just days after uncovering 250 skulls at a separate mass grave used by drug cartels, the state's attorney general said. Veracruz, on Mexico's Gulf coast, has long been a stomping ground for criminal gangs, who fight over lucrative drug and migrant smuggling routes. Giving details on the latest grisly find, Jorge Winckler

said the skulls and remains of multiple body parts were unearthed from eight unmarked graves, clustered in a 120 square meter area, about 6 miles from the town of Alvarado. So far, Winckler said, investigators had positively identified one three-person family, missing since September 2016, and the remains of two other men. REUTERS

FCC: MEDIA IS NOT THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

2 The head of the Federal Communications Commission told the U.S. Congress he did not agree that "the media is the enemy of the American people" and said he would act independently of the White House on media-related matters. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, whom President Donald Trump has nominated to a new five-year term as head of the body that regulates broadcast television, radio and other media outlets, made his comments in a letter dated Friday and released on Monday. Pai, a Republican, had refused to say during a Senate hearing earlier this month whether he agreed with Trump's comments on the media. In February, Trump tweeted: "The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @CNN, @NBCNews and many more) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American people. SICK." REUTERS

US-BOUND FLIGHTS TO BAN MOST DEVICES

3 U.S. authorities are planning to ban passengers traveling on certain U.S.-bound foreign airline flights from carrying into the cabin larger electronic devices in response to an unspecified terrorism threat, U.S. officials told Reuters. The new rule is expected to be announced as early as Monday night by the Department of Homeland Security, the officials said, adding that it had been under consideration

since the U.S. government learned of a threat several weeks ago. The source said the rule would cover a dozen foreign airlines flying from about a dozen countries, including some from the Middle East, and would include airlines based in Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The officials did not name the other countries. REUTERS

GORSUCH CONFIRMATION HEARING

5 Judge Neil Gorsuch asks photographers, "Is this what you do all day? I'm sorry," after he arrived for the first day of his Supreme Court confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in the Hart Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill on Monday in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

UBER PRESIDENT JEFF JONES QUITS

4 Uber Technologies Inc. has been thrust deeper into turmoil with the departure of company president Jeff Jones, a marketing expert hired to help soften its often abrasive image. Jones quit less than seven months after joining the San Francisco company, an Uber spokesman said. In a statement to Reuters, Jones said he could not continue as president of a business with which he was incompatible. "I joined Uber because of its mission, and the challenge to build global capabilities that would help the company mature and thrive long term," Jones said. "It is now clear, however, that the beliefs and approach to leadership that have guided my career are inconsistent with what I saw and experienced at Uber, and I can no longer continue as president of the ride-sharing business," he added. REUTERS

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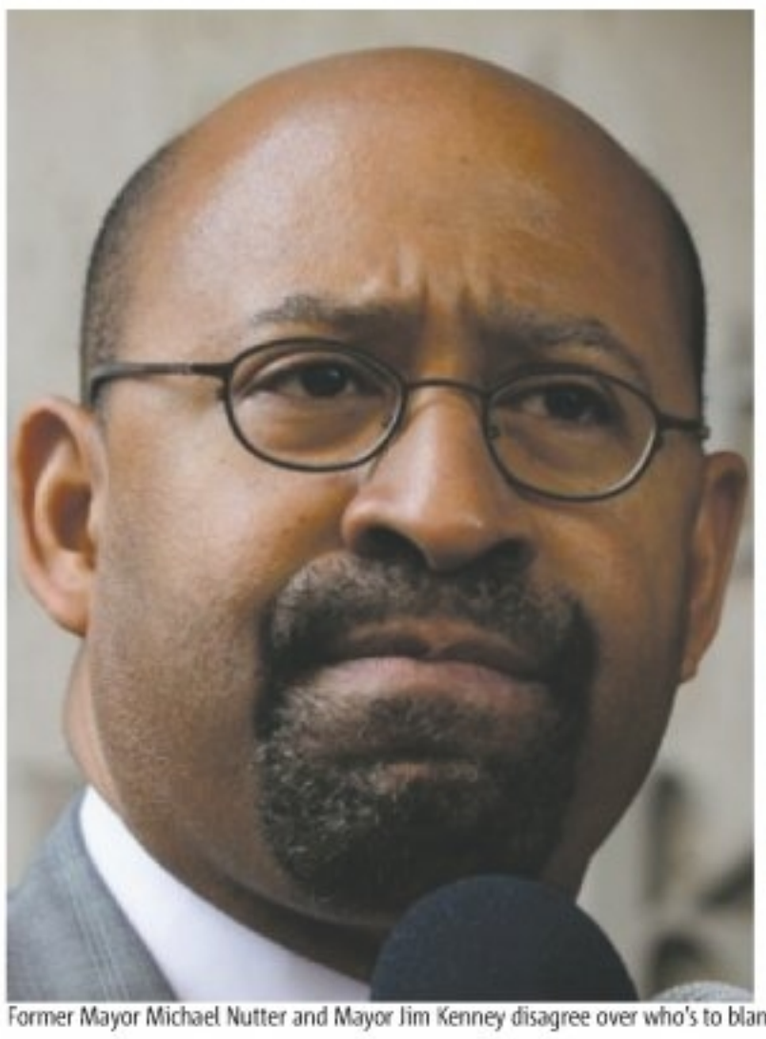

Former Mayor Michael Nutter and Mayor Jim Kenney disagree over who's to blame for alleged mismanagement at the Mayor's Fund. METRO FILE PHOTOS

Nutter vs. Kenney over Mayor's 'slush' Fund

Former and current mayors are arguing over who's to blame for alleged mismanagement at the Mayor's Fund.

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How the Mayor's Fund was operated under former Mayor Michael Nutter has been under the microscope since allegations first surfaced that the multimillion-dollar nonprofit was treated as a "slush fund."

But Nutter erupted Monday online after the Inquirer accused former city representative Desiree Peterkin Bell of spending $52,000 without documentation.

Nutter instead cast blame at the feet of Mayor's Fund executive director Ashley Del Bianco, who he said failed to monitor the fund. He said numerous people within the Mayor's Fund had access to the credit card, not just Peterkin Bell, and that Del Bianco never raised any concerns while any of the alleged activity was ongoing.

"I am deeply offended that she would so shamelessly backstab so many former colleagues," Nutter wrote in a fiery 1,500-word screed posted to his website Monday. "It is now clear to me that I was badly mistaken in appointing Ashley to her position, who in my opinion has now publicly demonstrated herself to be an unscrupulous and deceptive individual."

Del Bianco did not respond to a request for comment, but Mayor Jim Kenney's office defended her and said Nutter was not being entirely truthful.

> *"I am deeply offended that she would so shamelessly backstab so many former colleagues."*
> Michael Nutter

"The former mayor's statement contains numerous falsehoods," a representative for Kenney said in a statement. "Mayor Kenney has found Ashley to be an excellent executive director of the fund and, based on all the available information, he believes she acted appropriately under the previous administration, as well."

The Inquirer's article stated that Peterkin Bell alone was responsible for using a Mayor's Fund credit card to, for example, take 458 Uber rides in 2015, costing $8,738. City Controller Alan Butkovitz also previously laid all blame for undocumented expenditures at Peterkin Bell's feet.

Nutter threw doubt on that claim, writing that numerous people at the Mayor's Fund had access to the card, and Del Bianco was responsible for supervising how the money was spent.

"There is virtually no evidence that she [Peterkin Bell] even personally made most of the expenditures or signed a receipt for them," Nutter wrote. "Ashley Del Bianco is the one who should be asked and publicly forced to answer why did she so poorly manage the Fund and its records."

So what now? Inspector General Amy Kurland said her office could neither confirm nor deny if they are investigating. Meanwhile, Butkovitz is "currently conducting a follow-up investigation of the Mayor's Fund," a spokesman said.

Butkovitz previously claimed Peterkin Bell "used the account as if it were a special slush fund," after releasing an August audit of a $400,000 account that the fund managed. "It was clear the former chairperson substantially circumvented all policies and approvals," he said.

Butkovitz also reported in his audit that the Mayor's Fund was used for an $80 expenditure for shoes from Macy's, $52,000 for unspecified expenses at the Courtyard Marriott in 2015, $45,000 for flights and hotels to Rome, Italy, and $333 for food and lodging in Portland, Oregon.

Kenney and Nutter have butted heads over Peterkin Bell before. Nutter asked the Kenney administration to keep Peterkin Bell, who also served as his spokeswoman, on city payrolls until she reached five years of employment so she would reach a higher pension level. Kenney declined.

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FBI head denies Trump wiretap claim, confirms Russia election probe

FBI Director James Comey testified before the House Intelligence Committee.

The head of the FBI publicly challenged President Donald Trump on Monday, denying the Republican's claim that former president Barack Obama wiretapped his 2016 election campaign and confirming his agency had launched a criminal investigation into any collusion between Trump's campaign and Russia.

FBI Director James Comey told a congressional hearing he had seen no evidence to support a claim by Trump that Obama had wiretapped his campaign headquarters in Manhattan's Trump Tower.

The president created a controversy in early March when he tweeted without giving evidence that Obama had wiretapped the campaign as the businessman took on Democrat Hillary Clinton in the presidential race.

"With respect to the president's tweets about alleged wiretapping directed at him by the prior administration, I have no information that supports those tweets," Comey told the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee hearing.

The committee is investigating accusations that Russia tried to influence the election mostly by hacking Democratic operatives' emails and releasing embarrassing information. Russia denies the allegations.

Comey confirmed the FBI has been investigating since last July possible Russian government efforts to interfere in the election, including any links between Trump's campaign and Moscow. He said that while the Russian government wanted to hurt Clinton's campaign and help Trump's, intelligence agencies made no judgment on whether the efforts influenced the outcome.

Comey gave no details of the classified investigation and said the fact that it exists does not mean charges will be filed.

U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia tried to help Trump by hacking leading Democrats. Comey said Moscow had long been opposed to Trump's election rival, a former secretary of state.

"I think that was a fairly easy judgment for the [intelligence] community," he said.

"Putin hated Secretary Clinton so much that the flip side of that coin was he had a clear preference for the person running against the person he hated so much."

Asked about Comey, White House spokesman Sean Spicer read a series of quotes from officials — some from the Obama administration — who have said they have seen no signs of collusion between Trump's campaign and Russia.

In a tweet before the hearing, Trump wrote: "The Democrats made up and pushed the Russian story as an excuse for running a terrible campaign."

Spicer said he was not aware of any White House official being under investigation by the FBI.

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A supporter sports a hat with the Trump campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again," at a Donald Trump campaign event last year in New Hampshire. GETTY IMAGES

'MAGA'-hat-wearing Philly man sues NYC bar for refusing service

The Happiest Hour filled him with sadness, the lawsuit claims.

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A Philadelphia man's accessory of choice stirred up controversy at a New York City cocktail lounge when he donned a "Make America Great Again" baseball cap while out for drinks, and a bartender refused to serve him.

Now, he's suing.

Greg Piatek, a 30-year-old accountant, stopped by West Village hotspot The Happiest Hour with two friends Jan. 28 after touring the 9/11 Memorial Museum. Piatek and his crew were initially served drinks, but their table was ignored when they called for a second round.

They waited about 15 to 20 minutes — during which time the bartender gave Piatek "a lengthy death stare" and walked past their table numerous times — until one of the plaintiff's friends called over the bartender to ask for another round.

"Visibly flustered, annoyed and filled with hatred," the lawsuit states, the bartender approached Piatek and said, "Is that hat a joke?"

Another bartender asked if the hat was a joke, and shouted at Piatek: "I can't believe you would support someone so terrible and you must be as terrible a person."

The Happiest Hour manager spoke with tavern owner Jon Neidich, and told Piatek that "anyone who supports [President Donald] Trump or believes what you believe is not welcome here. And you need to leave right now because we won't serve you," the suit says.

Then, the Philly man was escorted to the door.

The lawsuit said booting Piateck from the establishment "was so outrageous in character and extreme in degree so as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency in a civilized society."

Filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, the suit claims Piatek was discriminated against for his political beliefs. Piatek's lawyer described the ordeal as "the most discriminatory, humiliating and 'saddest hour' of his life," claiming his client suffered and continues to suffer anxiety and emotional distress from the incident.

Neidich didn't respond to requests for comment from several news media.

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Celebrity athletes invest for an impact

Giving back to their communities has always been a challenge for pro athletes who get rich quick, because they tend to lose the money even more quickly. But even those who manage to build a substantial amount of wealth have a hard time using it charitably in a way that truly has a long-term impact.

Some celebrity athletes are turning to "impact investing," a growing niche of do-gooder strategies that aim to put money toward charitable causes but that would otherwise lack support. Fund managers, of course, also aim to generate income in the process.

The Turner Multifamily Impact Fund, a private-equity style vehicle focused on preserving affordable housing, has lately drawn financial support from NBA All-Star Chris Paul.

He joins former World No. 1 tennis player Andre Agassi and Basketball Hall of Famer Magic Johnson, who have invested in other funds and projects run by the parent company, Turner Impact Capital and its founder, Bobby Turner. Their contributions work with dollars from hedge fund billionaire Bill Ackman, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and actress Eva Longoria.

Paul is worth an estimated $30 million, according to Forbes. GETTY IMAGES

In an interview with Reuters, Paul said he was frustrated by the feeling that giving away his own millions only "put a Band-Aid on a situation." As a point guard for the Los Angeles Clippers, he has earned money not just from the five-year, $107.3 million contract he signed in 2013, but also from lucrative endorsements for companies like Nike and State Farm Insurance.

"We were doing basketball courts here or there, we'd always do giveaways during the holidays, and we did 10 computer labs," Paul said, referring to a few of the projects the Chris Paul Family Foundation has organized for disadvantaged kids. "But at times, philanthropy can be frustrating."

Whether impact investing is more successful than pure charitable giving is unclear.

Unlike simply giving money away, impact investing does provide a return, which could enable philanthropists to sustain or grow their charitable giving. REUTERS

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It was at this point in time that he became known as Fred Wonderling.

About 80 years later, my father was the first of his generation not to have to spend most of his life underground. Like each U.S. citizen, I carry that rich family and ethnic heritage with me today.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are at least 350 languages spoken in America, with 6.1 million foreign-born people living here.

This sense of a fusion of cultures seems to be enhanced in metropolitan areas. Whenever I walk the neighborhoods of Philadelphia, I am amazed at how many different languages I hear and how many different cultures are woven into the city.

There are prominent examples such as Chinatown, which visibly makes itself known from landmarks such as the Friendship Archway on 10th and Arch, to the more nuanced ways that people from different places have made Philadelphia the metropolitan area it is today in neighborhoods like the Italian Market, Bustleton and Southwest Philadelphia.

Underlying the visible influences that immigrants have across our region is the economic impact of non-natives. According to the New American Economy, there are 614,660 immigrant residents in Greater Philadelphia, about 10.2 percent of the population. Remarkably, their spending power equated to $13.5 billion in 2014.

It isn't only spending power that immigrants influence in our region. In Philadelphia, immigrants are 41 percent more likely to own a business than their U.S.-born counterparts, and immigrant entrepreneurs have been integral to the growth of the city's neighborhoods and communities.

Clusters of these Main Street business owners — in areas like the Italian Market on Ninth Street, El Centro de Oro on Fifth & Lehigh, and 52nd Street in West Philadelphia — have played a pivotal role in reversing or stabilizing population decline and revitalizing struggling business districts.

As citizens and influencers of our city, we need to support the growth that immigrants bring to our region. The City of Philadelphia is holding an immigrant Business Week from March 27-April 1, and the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia is hosting Roadmap For Growth: The Impact of Immigrant Entrepreneurship on Monday, March 27 in support of this initiative.

As Fredolin Wunderlich would say: "Wilkommen in Philadelphia"!

Rob Wonderling is president of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia.

Group: Trump's cut to flood map program could trigger insurance rate hikes

A woman stands at her doorway watching the water level rise on Moffit Blvd. following flash flooding August 13, 2014, in Islip, New York. GETTY IMAGES

Flood-mapping provides important details about where it is safe to build, whether flood insurance is needed and how to price coverage, Robert Hunter, director of insurance for the Consumer Federation of America, said in a statement.

A proposal by the Trump administration to cut $190 million in funding for updating U.S. maps of flood-prone areas would trigger higher insurance rates or more homebuilding in risky locations, a consumer group said on Monday.

Slashing funding for the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) retooling of U.S. flood maps will lead to relying on old maps and construction in areas that are now flood prone, or hiking insurance premiums to pay for new maps, Hunter said.

The White House 2018 budget, unveiled last Thursday, would eliminate a $190 million "discretionary appropriation" for the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) updating of U.S. flood maps and "explore other more effective and fair means of funding flood mapping efforts."

Costs for mapping have been shared by insurance policyholders and the federal government for the past 15 years, said a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA), which operates the flood insurance program.

"The president's budget directs us to explore avenues to shift these costs away from general appropriations," the FEMA spokeswoman said.

Updating U.S. flood maps is seen by consumer and insurance industry advocates as a necessary step toward modernizing the U.S. flood insurance market.

The White House 2018 budget is the first step in a long process that will be debated by U.S. lawmakers.

The NFIP, whose authorization is set to expire in September, could face other sweeping changes. The program is $24.6 billion in debt to the U.S. Treasury Department, the FEMA spokeswoman said.

Insurance industry groups are also concerned about the mapping proposal. "Understandably, we're all concerned about the potential to undermine efforts to modernize the maps," said Leigh Ann Pusey, president and chief executive officer of the American Insurance Association.

Still, the budget process is at an early stage, Pusey said. REUTERS

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As Iraqi forces fight to take Mosul, car bomb in Baghdad kills 23 people

Islamic State militants captured an Iraqi police colonel and eight other officers on Monday after they ran out of ammunition during a skirmish in the battle for western Mosul, an Iraqi Interior Ministry official said.

The official, who declined to be identified, said the incident took place as government forces closed in on Islamic State fighters in the Old City and other districts, in an offensive intended to crush the hardline group in what was once the de facto capital of their self-proclaimed Islamic caliphate.

A media officer for the Interior Ministry's Rapid Response units, Lieutenant Colonel Abdel Amir al-Mohammedawi, denied that any police officers had been captured when asked for comment.

But the Interior Ministry official told Reuters the nine men were seized in the early hours of Monday in the Bab Jadid district.

Federal police sources later said the officers had been killed and Iraqi forces were trying to recover the bodies.

Islamic State has a record of torturing and mutilating captives — civilian and military — so the incident will weigh heavily of the minds of the government troops in the street-by-street fighting for western Mosul, now in its second month.

In the capital, Baghdad, a car bomb killed at least 23 people and wounded more than 45 in a mainly Shi'ite southern district, police and medical sources said.

The blast occurred on a busy commercial street in the Amil neighborhood, the sources said. There was no claim of responsibility, but Islamic State has carried out similar attacks in Baghdad and other cities as their hold on Mosul weakens. REUTERS

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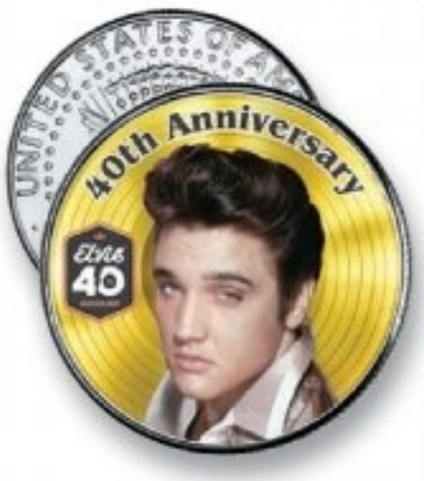

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Travel ban, strong dollar seen putting damper on US tourism sector

Travel and tourism's contribution to the U.S. economy will grow at a slower pace this year than in 2016 due to a strong dollar and a perception that the country is less welcoming to foreigners, the World Travel and Tourism Council said.

President Donald Trump earlier this month signed a revised executive order banning citizens from six Muslim-majority nations from traveling to the United States, which some have warned could deter visitors.

Those countries account for a tiny percentage of visitors to the United States, but there is growing concern that the order could hurt the country's image and scare other tourists away.

"The travel ban is not having a material impact yet. But we are seeing the unintended consequences of this now because the message has gone around the world that the U.S. is not open for business," the WTTC's President David Scowsill told Reuters.

The travel and tourism sector's contribution to the U.S. gross domestic product is expected to grow by 2.3 percent this year, a slowdown from an expansion of 2.8 percent seen in 2016, the WTTC said on Monday.

A man dressed as Donald Trump poses with tourists from Brazil as he sits opposite the Plaza Hotel, a few blocks from Trump Tower. GETTY IMAGES

Growth will be driven by trips from the United States to elsewhere as the strong dollar makes it cheaper for Americans to travel to destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean.

"Overall the U.S. is still robust," Scowsill said. "The most important thing is that we get to the end of this [travel ban] situation," he said.

The U.S. travel and tourism sector is the biggest in the world, accounting for $1.5 trillion, or around 20 percent of the world's travel and tourism GDP contributions.

Globally, the sector's contribution is expected to grow by 3.8 percent this year, generating $7.9 trillion and accelerating from a 3.3 percent increase in 2016.

Some destinations suffered last year as attacks prompted travelers to head elsewhere, with tourist spending dropping in Belgium, France and Turkey. But the WTTC said that consumers switched to other destinations such as Bulgaria, Cyprus or Spain rather than putting off travel altogether. REUTERS

> *"In Europe, people have still been getting on airplanes and traveling. They just haven't been going to those [volatile] places."*
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French paparazzi honor Kim Kardashian

Earlier this week, Kim Kardashian tearfully relived her terrifying Paris robbery on an episode of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." And on Twitter, she acknowledged how the experience changed her. "I took a tragic horrific experience and did not let it diminish me," she wrote. "Rather [I] grew and evolved and allowed the experience to teach me."

Now, the reality television star is sharing a special tweet from Paris' paparazzi. "To Kim & the Kardashians," the text on the photo of a squad of smiling photographers reads. "We don't love you because we need you — we need you because we love you. All the very best, your favorite French paps." Aw?

The photographers privately sent the picture to Kardashian, 36, right after the robbery in October. And as one of the paps tells People, the photo was taken spontaneously. "Kim left Paris on the Monday, Oct. 3, and we all felt badly for her," he says. "We thought we should do something collectively to let her know we support her. She's one of the nicest celebrities to work with."

In lieu of making a cynical comment about the Kardashians' relationship with the paparazzi, which is what my heart is telling me to do, I'll just note that Kim's hair looks really good lately. I'm loving this mermaid look, boo.

Jennifer Lopez forgot she had a boyfriend for a sec

Jennifer Lopez is opening up about her postdivorce relationship with ex-husband Marc Anthony. Because it's the perfect way to deflect from talking about her current beau, Alex Rodriguez.

On "Live With Kelly," Lopez gabbed about co-parenting with her ex, saying "We're best friends, you know? We're just in a really great place." When Kelly Ripa asks whether Lopez, 47, would ever considering remarrying Anthony, the "Shades of Blue" actress hastily responds, "Oh, no! No, no!" which, you know, is pretty telling.

Lopez and Anthony, 48, were married from 2004 to 2014.

Most important, though: When are you going to give us the juice about A-Rod, girl? You know we know. You're appearing on his sister's Instagram, and uploading then deleting pictures of you guys spooning on what I assume are sheets made of the finest, most exclusive Egyptian cotton.

It's almost like she wants her privacy outside of social media or something. Almost.

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Zayn Malik is a genius, finds cure for anxiety

Zayn Malik is opening about his boy-band past and overcoming anxiety. Now, no shade, but isn't that all he ever talks about?

Chatting with the Sunday Times Style magazine, the 24-year-old noted he's pretty much over being anxious now. "It was something I was dealing with in the band," he said. (I imagine at this point, he started to pat himself on the back.) He continued, "People saw strength in that, and they didn't seem to expect it from a guy, but they expect it from a female, which to me is crazy." Boy, do I love it when men call women "females"! Oozing with respect, he is.

Anyway, I thought anxiety — much like depression, diabetes and a debilitating passion for sour candy — was more of a lifelong thing you learned to manage. But ol' wizard Malik over here has apparently found the cure: Just quit your boy band gig! Someone get this man a Nobel Prize, please.

Karlie Kloss longs to be taken seriously

Karlie Kloss, 24, recently talked to Vogue Australia about using her spotlight as a platform for all the things she's passionate about. She recently launched the obnoxiously alliterative, but obviously well-intentioned, Kode With Klossy camp and a career scholarship that encourages teen girls to get involved in science, math and coding.

"I feel a real responsibility to get the girls who are paying attention to me interested in these important skills," she explained to the magazine. "I'm sure people underestimate me all the time, but that only motivates me to prove them wrong and actually beat them at their own game."

If by "proving them wrong," she means recognizing her own mistakes and owning up to them — like the time she apologized for dressing up as a geisha to celebrate diversity — then sure. I'll take it.

Natalie Portman geeks out about Terrence Malick

The Oscar winner talks about making "Song to Song" with a highly unorthodox filmmaker.

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Natalie Portman has achieved what few actors have: appearances in multiple Terrence Malick films. The legendary filmmaker ("Days of Heaven," "The Tree of Life") is someone actors love to work for, even though his methods are so unusual. There is no script, and each day they show up not sure what they'll be shooting. On top of that, there's a chance they won't even appear in the finished product.

Portman, 35, has made the cut in both last year's "Knight of Cups" and the new "Song to Song," about a love triangle between two musicians (Ryan Gosling and Rooney Mara) and an oily record producer (Michael Fassbender). Portman plays a waitress and school teacher who comes under the latter's hedonistic sway.

Natalie Portman plays a waitress and school teacher who gets involved with a shady record producer (Michael Fassbender) in "Song to Song," her second film with legendary filmmaker Terrence Malick. It arrives in area theaters Friday. BROAD GREEN PICTURES

Malick is famous for being spontaneous, but it's not like you go in there with no plan. What kind of direction does he tend to give?

He doesn't have a specific thing he wants you to do. He wants you to surprise him, or create something in front of him. It's almost documentary-style, but you're still acting. [Chuckles] He gives you storylines and character traits to follow, but he's not specific about what's supposed to happen. You have a lot of freedom to create things. But when you're first entering into it, because it's so unorthodox, it takes a minute to get used to.

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How did you feel on the very first day you shot for him, back on "Knight of Cups"?

I was so intrigued by the whole setup, because it's so different from how anyone else works. We get so used to the rituals of filmmaking. He deconstructs all of that. There's no reason we need to have touch-ups every five minutes, there's no reason we have to have continuity with location or clothing within a scene. You can disorient an audience, and that's fine.

The nitty gritty

What are the shooting days like on a Malick film?
There is no usual day. Every day is sort of madcap. You're searching for a view, or looking for some flash of something very beautiful. You're all trying to work together to find it. You're running from one location to the next and changing clothes in a van on the side of the street. Everything's brought down to the bare essentials. It's really fun. It feels like a bunch of punk teenagers making a movie, except they're all really skilled masters.

What was the first Malick film you ever watched?
"Days of Heaven" was my first. They're all amazing, but that one is in my heart forever. It's so beautiful.

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Thank god 'Doctor Who' is back

Geek Girl in Hollywood

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"Doctor Who," Season 10, starring Peter Capaldi, premieres Saturday, April 15 at 9 p.m. on BBC America, followed by the premiere of the new spin-off "Class." BBC AMERICA

Gosh, I've missed "Doctor Who"! I've missed it in the way I miss having a "Star Trek" series on TV. (Please get "Star Trek: Discovery" ready to go!) I know "Doctor Who" hasn't been off for that long in the grand scheme of things, but it's far longer than I would've liked. BBC America just released a new trailer for the upcoming season featuring the Twelfth Doctor (Peter Capaldi), his new companion Bill (Pearl Mackie) and assistant Nardole (Matt Lucas). The tagline is, "This is the gateway to everything that ever was or ever can be." Ah, the TARDIS.

If you've never seen the show — and guys, it's been around for 50 years — it's about an alien who time travels and takes (mostly) human companions with him around time and space. He has two hearts and the ability to regenerate into a new body (the way they dealt with needing new actors to play the role). Seriously though, even if you just start with the reimagined series, it's worth it. That's how I got into it.

After years of watching, doing a number of after-shows about "Doctor Who" and co-writing chapters for the book "Doctor Who Psychology: A Madman With a Box," I'd say I'm pretty familiar with this show. Certainly millions of you are. The reason I love it though is that it's pure fantasy with a message. There is nothing they can't invent, despite having rules in the universe. There aren't a lot of shows out there that run on pure imagination. Want to punch Hitler? Check. Ride a dinosaur? Check. Deal with homophobia? Here's a quote from Madame Vastra: "Good evening. I'm a lizard woman from the dawn of time, and this is my wife."

I've missed watching the way someone who has experienced planets, aliens, war, peace, the loss of friends, the betrayal of others and the meeting of brand new ones looks at the world. I've missed seeing a creature who loves humanity despite all of our flaws, and hearing about current events from a man who knows better than anyone that everything passes. It's beautiful to watch someone who should be so jaded still work to feel attachment to people. It's a mirror for all of us, trying not to be defeated, despite what's happening in the world.

There was an episode last season where the Doctor experiences the loss of a close friend. His journey though grief, physically manifested as working his way through rock, over and over again for millions of years, is what grief feels like to us. It feels like it takes forever to get through, and we watch that literally happen for the Doctor. It's cathartic.

I've missed you, Doctor. I've missed seeing humanity through your eyes. Welcome back.

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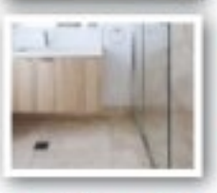

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An upside-down urinal or a legitimate work of art?

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The work of artist Marcel Duchamp is known to be controversial. For a century now, his artworks called "readymades" have caused many viewers to ask the question, "Is it really art?"

On April 1, 100 years after its creation, one of Duchamp's most famous pieces, "Fountain," comes to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, bringing with it the publications and photographs from the time of its scandal.

In 1917, with the help of famous photographer Alfred Stieglitz, who photographed it for Duchamp's magazine The Blind Man, "Fountain" began its rise to fame after being rejected by the Society of Independent Artists. Standing defiantly behind the claim that it is real, significant art, Duchamp successfully stirred up the 20th century art scene, as well as people's opinion on what art truly is.

Whether it's his "Bicycle Wheel," or "Comb," Duchamp has been faced with furrowed-brow scrutiny, especially by the artist community. Alongside other readymades, "Fountain" will be in Philly until Dec. 3. Don't miss the opportunity to view this notorious piece of contemporary art and learn its story. Decide for yourself if you see an upside-down urinal or the great, conversation-starting piece Duchamp purchased, signed and made into one of his greatest achievements.

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Shop owner Elena Brennan is originally from the U.K. and came to Philly 30 years ago, importing a killer passion for fashion:

"I knew there was a need for a designer-shoe boutique in Philly, as I would always get stopped on the street and people would ask 'Where did you get your shoes from?' Nine times out of 10, they weren't from Philly. I would find the best shoe shops on my travels."

In 2007, Brennan opened Bus Stop boutique on Fabric Row, gaining a reputation in Philly and beyond for quality, voguish footwear.

"It was just a matter of time and finding the right spot," she says. "My mission has always been to make women feel different, stand out in a crowd and fill a void by offering something that wasn't there before."

Just in time for the shop's 10th anniversary, Brennan has launched her fourth line of women's oxfords, the Bus Stop X Capsule Collection, which is inspired by the elements.

"The elements are shocking and striking, mystical and seductive, strong and powerful, enchanting and beautiful. I want my customers to feel this way when they rock a pair of my oxfords," Brennan muses.

And how exactly can one "rock" a pair of oxfords? Brennan reveals that these classics are versatile enough for work and play:

"I love this look with a black dress, a business suit or simply with a pair of jeans. I love the menswear aesthetic of an oxford shoe with a feminine twist."

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Diet do's and don'ts

Just because it's salad doesn't make it automatically healthy. Loading up on too many toppings, adding processed cheeses or sugar-and-preservative filled fat-free dressings can add to weight gain. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

Breaking down the biggest weight-loss misconceptions.

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You might have the best intentions when it comes to weight loss, but between confounding studies (chocolate is never going to be the key to shedding pounds!) and brands spending millions on marketing to convince you that their fat, calorie and sugar filled products — which they've shrewdly labeled "skinny" or "natural" — are good for you, desired outcomes can be arduous to achieve. We spoke with experts who shared the biggest dieting misconceptions — and advice for healthier eating habits.

Don't skip the carbs

"One of the biggest mistakes people make in their attempt to lose weight is that they cut out carbohydrates," says dietitian Tanya Zuckerbrot, the founder of F-Factor. "Carbohydrates fuel our bodies and cutting them out leads to feeling tired, cranky and weak, which can trigger excess snacking and feeling deprived, which is not consistent with weight loss." She does caution that while eating carbohydrates is essential to functioning, doing so in excess does lead to weight gain.

"The goal is to eat just the right amount of the right carbs," she says, such as carbs that are high in fiber, which have zero calories and add bulk to food. Think chickpeas, lentils and broccoli (yes, veggies are carbs).

"When eaten, fiber swells in the stomach. Therefore, when you follow a diet rich in fiber you feel full after eating and you'll generally eat less throughout the day."

Breakfast really is for champions

We've all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and for good reason. "Breakfast jump-starts your metabolism," says Zuckerbrot. "Conversely, skipping breakfast slows down your metabolism and leads to weight gain — so don't skip meals thinking you'll lose weight faster."

Skipping breakfast slows down your metabolism.

Not convinced? Sumo wrestlers in Japan skip breakfast so that they will gain weight. Zuckerbrot suggests starting your day with a breakfast that combines high-fiber carbohydrates (whole-wheat toast, oatmeal) and lean protein (egg whites, Greek yogurt or low-fat cheeses) because these nutrients will fill you up on the fewest calories.

Know when you're hungry

"It's estimated that 75 percent of us overeat not because we're hungry, but rather in response to feelings," says dietitian Keri Glassman. "When our eating is spurred by emotions, we tend to consume mostly junk food, so it's important to pinpoint the exact 'trigger' that causes you to overeat."

Shopping at the grocery store when you're hungry, eating at the computer, picking off your kids' plates or waiting too long between meals could all contribute to stress eating.

Choose your healthy foods wisely

If you think salads are always a safe option, think again. "It's important to remember to leave out the croutons, avoid fat-free dressings (they're loaded with preservatives and sugar), skip the dried fruits and processed cheese, and stay away from too many grains and beans, which are healthy but in excess will lead to weight gain," says Nikki Ostrower, nutritionist and founder of NAO Nutrition. "Make sure to enjoy a salad with mostly leafy greens and veggies."

Same goes for smoothies. "Many of the health benefits go out the window once you add in things like frozen yogurt, designer protein powder, sugar and syrups," says Ostrower. "Enjoy a smoothie with greens, nuts, fresh fruit as a sweetener, use soaked nuts and water (aka homemade nut milk) as your base instead of a boxed vegan milk."

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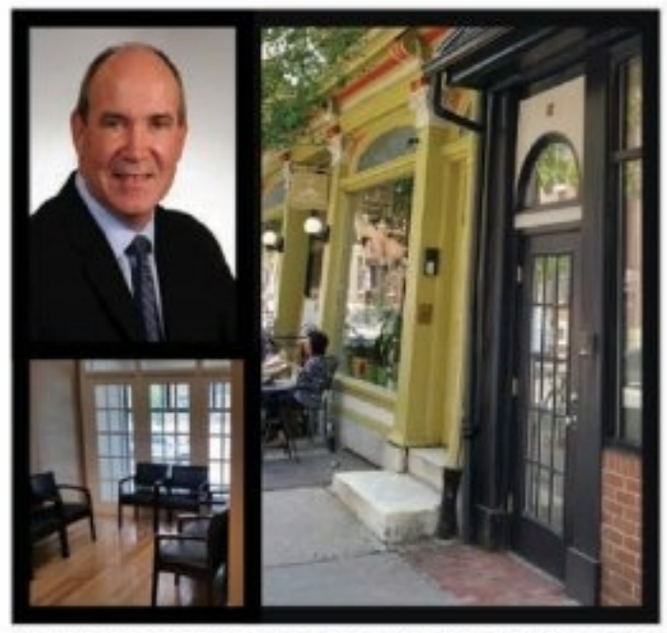

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SHOULD EAGLES TAKE A LOOK AT SULLIED RUNNING BACK MIXON?

Is Joe Mixon worth the risk for the Eagles this draft? GETTY IMAGES

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OPINION

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As good a job as Howie Roseman has done adding wide receivers, we all know the Eagles must invest a pick in April's draft on a running back. Carson Wentz needs someone to hand the ball to as much as throw it to.

LSU's Leonard Fournette appears out of their range at pick 14. Perhaps the Eagles will take FSU's Dalvin Cook, who visited here last week. Perhaps they trade down for the exciting Christian McCaffrey of Stanford. Or perhaps they just wait until later rounds.

There is one more name among the elite college backs. But he certainly won't be a first-rounder. And the Eagles may have already removed him from their board.

I'm talking Joe Mixon, of course. Mixon is the muscular, agile runner from Oklahoma whose speed-size combo draws comparisons to Le'Veon Bell. He's also the young man who slugged a young woman in the head at a restaurant in 2014. The punch broke several bones and left the woman needing her jaw wired shut.

The episode, like Ray Rice's domestic assault, was captured on surveillance video. It's shocking. Despicable. Any adjective you want to use. It also has prompted many NFL teams to foreswear interest in Mixon. That's not surprising.

Like you, I've never met Mixon. I don't know if he's still a creep or a bully, as that video indicates. Nor do I know if that 17-year-old boy has matured and felt remorse over the past 2½ years. But I'd want to find out.

If I were an NFL GM, I would talk to Mixon's coaches, teachers and counselors to learn who he is today. I would find ex-girlfriends and dorm mates who know him well. And, of course, I would sit with Mixon and ask: Why did you do it? What have you learned? Where are you now?

Maybe Mixon is still a crumb. If so, I'd walk away. But maybe that angry teen has evolved over several years.

Most likely, Mixon will end up being picked in the second or third round. The NFL team selecting him faces an immediate image crisis. That horrific video will play on a loop on local TV, and the GM will be asked why he excuses violence against women.

That's understandable. But if we really are a country of second chances, the decision on Mixon should be based on whether he deserves one, rather than a team's fear of a PR nightmare.

The Eagles have been down this road. No one was more sullied than Mike Vick coming in. But while Vick's tenure as a QB was spotty, he must get credit for living up to his rehabilitation requirements. Last year, the Eagles drafted Wendell Smallwood and Jalen Mills despite major character issues. Both contributed and stayed clean.

Does Mixon deserve consideration? Only if he truly understands the evil of what he did those years ago. Only if he's matured into a trustworthy 20-year-old. Only if you can believe he will never do it again.

That's a lot of ifs.

But if I were Roseman, I'd ask the questions.

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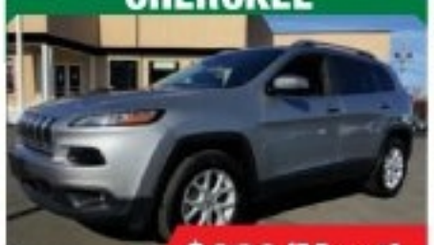
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Eagles have a clear offseason strategy: Get Wentz help or bust

Carson Wentz, with all his new weapons waiting, should make big gains in 2017. GETTY IMAGES

Eagles recent visits with Leonard Fournette, Dalvin Cook, Mike Williams show team is ready to take big swing.

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The Eagles and Howie Roseman seem to have a plan.

Surround Carson Wentz with as much talent as is physically (and financially possible).

They put their money where their mouth was in signing Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith — two of the best wide receivers available in free agency. So much of their money was spent that as of Monday the team stands more than $5 million over the salary cap spending limit.

According to reports all across the NFL, the team is intent on giving Wentz — entering his sophomore NFL season at age 24 this fall — even more weapons.

"We're excited about the draft; we're excited about the next few weeks here to look at what we have, see if there are opportunities to add to our team," Roseman said when free agency began, "and then go into the draft and really be able to take the best available player."

The key words there are "best available."

The team desperately needs a cornerback. It also really needs some help on the defensive front after the team let Bennie Logan walk and cut Connor Barwin. But the team has worked out the biggest offensive names in the draft in recent weeks, and has welcomed players like Leonard Fournette, Dalvin Cook and Mike Williams to visit in recent days.

They've had record-setting 40-yard-dash artist John Ross to town as mock drafts project Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey to the Eagles with the 14th overall pick.

The Birds are seemingly comfortable trusting the defense to mastermind Jim Schwartz, filling in the pieces with late round picks and undrafted free agents and spending as much capital as they can on weapons for Wentz.

And another sleeper position in this draft is offensive line. As the Eagles add weapons and build an offense for years to come around Wentz' strengths and weaknesses, they'll need to get younger up front. It's an issue Roseman is well aware of.

"I think you go back to how we started this, and we believe in the lines and building along the lines," Roseman said. "It would be a disservice for us to not also talk about our offensive line because it starts up front, and if he doesn't have time to throw, it doesn't matter who we have on the outside."

With a deep pool of cornerback talent, all signs point to Philly taking the best offensive weapon left on the board when the Eagles are on the clock, followed by cornerback help in the middle rounds (though some big-name defenders have visited as well in cornerback Marlon Humphrey, and linebackers Reuben Foster and Ryan Anderson).

Whether it's a winning strategy will be unknown for a few years — but this offseason is the beginning of the "build around Wentz era" — for better or worse.

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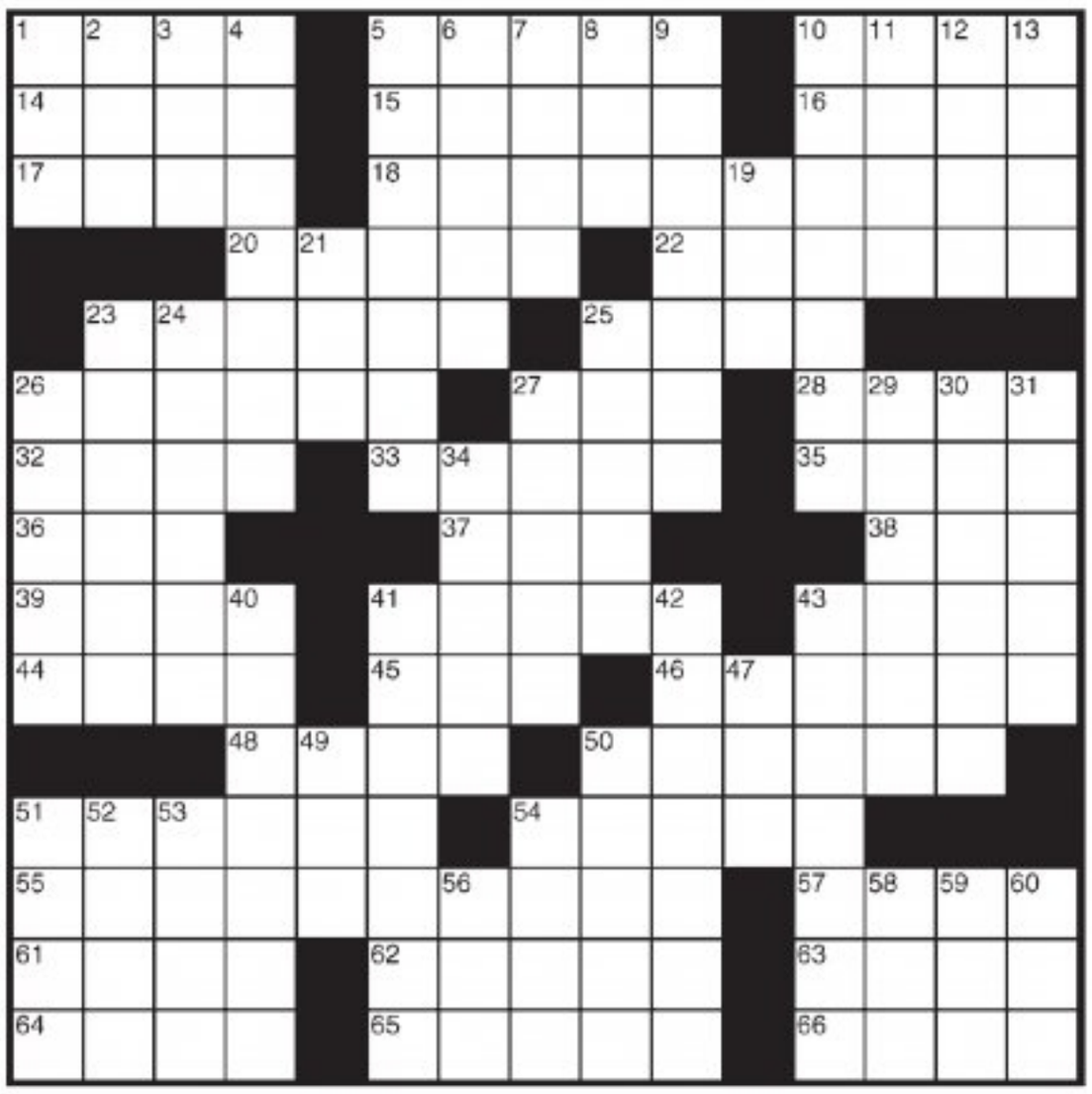

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Aquarius Don't let frustration lead to a confrontation with someone who doesn't see things your way. Ignore what others do and stay focused on what works best for you.

Pisces Get involved in things that matter. Community organizations that strive to make your environment better will give you a platform to air your opinions. EUGENIA LAST

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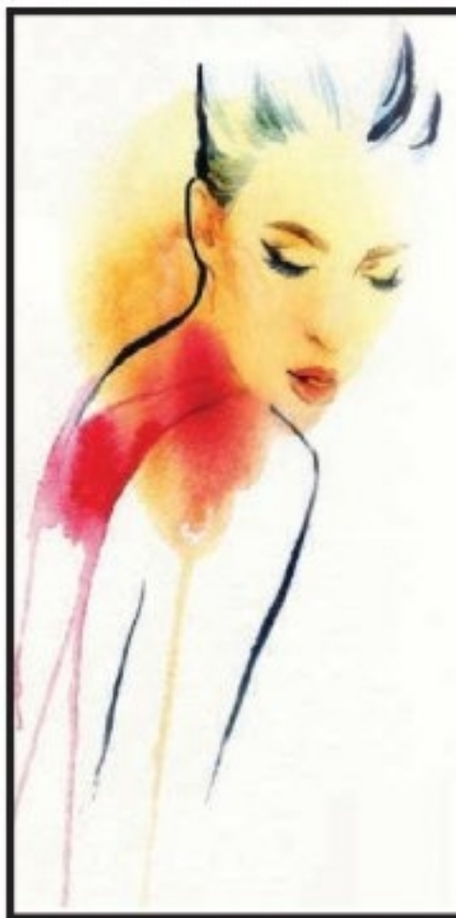

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